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FROM AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MILI, SU, US

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR U.S. PILOTS TO FLY SUDANESE C-130S IN
HOLIDAY PARADE

1. SHORTLY AFTER ARRIVAL FIFTH C-130 IN KHARTOUM SUDAN AIR
FORCE BASE COMMANDER QUOTING HIGHER AUTHORITIES REQUESTED TWO
USAF PILOTS AND APPROPRIATE FLIGHT CREW MEMBERS REMAIN IN
KHARTOUM THROUGH MAY 25. HE REQUESTED FURTHER THAT THEY BE
AUTHORIZED PILOT TWO C-130S, WHICH TOGETHER WITH TWO OTHER
C-130S PILOTED BY LOCKHEED PERSONNEL HERE, WOULD PARTICIPATE
IN MAY 25 REVOLUTION DAY PARADE.

2. COMMENT: SUDANESE PILOTS NOT YET QUALIFIED TO FLY
AIRPLANES. C-130 FLYBY SHOULD BE DRAMATIC ADDITION TO
PARADE WHICH IS HIGHLIGHT OF MAY REVOLUTION ACTIVITIES.
U.S.-SUDAN LINK WOULD BE VIVIDLY DEMONSTRATED FOR ALL TO
SEE. I HAVE NO OBJECTIONS TO USE OF USAF PILOTS AND FLIGHT
CREW MEMBERS FOR THESE SPECIFIC PURPOSES ON POLITICAL
GROUNDS.

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3. ACTION REQUESTED: PLEASE ADVISE SOONEST WHETHER
USAF PILOTS AND FLIGHT CREW MEMBERS AUTHORIZED TO REMAIN IN
KHARTOUM THROUGH MAY 25 AND WHETHER THEY AUTHORIZED PILOT
C-130 AS INDICATED ABOVE.
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